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THE BLOT ON THE RECORD. The closing of the Legislative session is usually taken as a text for summarizing the blessings and benefits, or sins of omission and commission, as may be, of the State solons. For many years back there has been little variance in the judgments of the press and of the public as to the quality of new features of note this time. The general pursuits. opinion is that, however absurd or audacious some of the bills which private interest prompt at Harrisburg, the action of the Legislature is in the main conservative. Whatever criticisms may justly be made on the position of individual members during the deliberations a majority vote is seldom had in final action in support of measures which conspicuously strike against the pub-

lic interests. This, to be sure, is rather negative praise, and taken in connection with the most conspicuous inaction of the Legislature upon at least one topic of vital public moment, it is far from making the record which, in an ideal state of the legislative atmosphere, the public would have a right to expect. More conspicuous by far than anything which the Legislature did is that which it and its predecessors for 15 years back have steadily refused to do. The hocus-pocus by which all attempts to pass laws enforcing the constitutional mandates as to railroads are deteated; the cool indifference to the oftrepeated pledges and platforms of the Republican party on this point; the want of sympathy and accord with the interests of State industries-these continue now as heretofore the most signal feature of the

So long have the successive legislative members may think the course of convenient year; the political leaders who affect to control the Legislature will have to stand before the public in their future ambitions and contests as representatives of the corporations first and the people afterward, or vice versa. The spectacle of a power in the grow scarce and their producers thin if Horace Phillips would carry away at least State more powerful than the Constitution, and of private interests at Harrisburg dominating the law-making power cannot continue forever. Nor will a political party, however powerful and popular in other respects, succeed in commending itself infaltended to allay for the time a passing tumult, and in reality but a deceptive cover | tainly a critic that will compare for impufor action diametrically opposite.

# PRANCE'S MISPORTUNE

Republican France is not quite stiff enough in the region of the spine to pass over in silence the implied contempt of the European monarchies in declining to send representatives to the inauguaration of the Centennial Exposition at Paris on Monday last. The cable brings news of a rather regretable state of feeling in France. She does not appreciate being saubbed by her European neighbors, and she professes at least to be surprised at the lack of warmth in the attitude of England especially.

Of course, France can hardly expect congratulations at this season from the descendants of those royal personages, whose thrones the events of 1789 so seriously threatened. But she would have obtained more respectful, if not more cordial, treatment if Frenchmen had more closely adhered to the republican idea since Liberty had its bloody birth in France in 1789. France, it is true, for twenty years almost, has maintained the Republic which rose from the ruins of Napoleon : III.'s empire. The majority of Frenchmen has been during those twenty years true to the Republic. Probably a majority is true still. But an aggressive minority, now verging upon a majority, of French- little worth speaking of, and the world will men has not ceased at any time since the death of Gambetta to plot against the Republican Government, The General Boulanger episode is not yet ended. More than once this year the movement of the Boulangists has imminently threatened the very existence of the Republic.

Monarchical Europe is fully cognizant of the lack of unanimous loyalty among the | while to jump into the scorohing light of French to their Republic. This knowledge publicity with the declaration that spring does not conspire to produce respect for house cleaning is necessary to health; that France among her friends or enemies, If to this yearly regeneration of the houseall France were loyal to the Republic, she | hold gods are due the superior health and might not be more beloved, but she cer- strength of civilized nations. We should tainly would be more respected. Snubs like to know the domestic circumstances of would be fewer then.

# THE POSTOFFICE RUIN.

THE new resident architect of the Pittsburg postoffice, Mr. Malone, has, it is said. requested the supervising architect to send a special representative to Pittsburg to assuage his solutude. make a thorough examination of the public building. He wants all the work done into his ears, thrust into his cranium by prior to his last appointment gone over and broom, brush and boiling water, by hatpassed upon. It is said for Mr. Malone that racks in bed, by kitchen-ware in the parlor. he proposes to be on the safe side, although | by cold dinners and hot receptions, and by there is no question in Washington but numberless other positive proofs that house that the work has been done acceptably.

which cannot but delay the progress of passport to salvation from more evils than a Pittsburg's very prospective postoffice. It lively feminine imagination can evolve from is an old, old story. Absolutely nothing itself, Science, the abstract arguments of new ever does transpire in the operation of philosophers, the record of sages, need not this Federal ruin. It may not be fair to have been called to his assistance, if he had blame Mr. Malone in this instance. On the had a wife. She would have shown him face of things he has a right to ask for an with one stroke of a broom handle the investigation of his predecessor's work, if, potency of house cleaning. as his request implies, he has reason to sus- Drives out the germs of disease? Aye, pect that that work has not been properly and many a man from his right mind.

The Society for the Improvement of the Poor will open their summer home at Oakmont about the first week in July.

leeply regret that this new cause for delay

Pittsburg is growing so fast; imm buildings are erected by private and local government enterprise so speedily and with such grand artistic and economical results, that the pile of useless granite on Smithfield street is a standing reproach to the Federal authorities and the political methods which have allowed it to blemish the face of the city.

THE REFUSED RE-HEARINGS.

Further discussion of the license question, so far as rehearings are concerned, got a quietus yesterday in the very explicit final deliverance of Judge White. It amounts simply to a declaration by the Judge, in which his brethren on the bench have virtually concurred, that he has determined every case as well as he knew how from all the evidence brought before him; that no per sonal prejudice swayed his conclusion, and that he does not propose to try and improve upon his own recent decisions.

This now brings the question of the wholesalers before the Supreme Court. That some of them have been knocked out without a clear understanding on their part as to any sufficient cause is pretty clear; that in such cases more or less sympathy is extended, particularly where the dealers seemed reputable and careful, and suffered heavy loss by the refusal, is also evident: but it is also manifest that the Judge is steadfast in his own conviction. In this state of things nothing less than the establishment by the Supreme Court of some other standard than the discretion Judge White exercised can give any promise of better luck to the disappointed ones. For the refused retail dealers there is no prospect worth mentioning of any change of fortune. This class, however, while not feeling less the disappointment than the wholesalers, will more quickly get over it. Most of them are in-Pennsylvania legislation-nor are there | deed already engaged in or looking for other

#### A CURE FOR SPOOKISM.

Of late, as far as the public has been in formed professional spiritualists have not tayored Pittsburg with their presence. It is not our intention now or our desire at any time to bemoan the absence of spookmongers. As the timid young woman said about burglars, Piftsburg will be mighty glad to see spiritualists stay-away.

But should the dealers in raps and mate rializing monkey tricks swoop down on this community in the future we trust that the methods of treating them recently applied by Dr. Francis Buckner, of Covington, in the Buckeye State, will be adopted generally. Dr. Buckner was not the dupe of spiritualism, but his wife seems to have been converted by a practical medium.

Returning a few days ago from his daily round of professional visits he found the proselyting medium and two assistants of the gentler sex holding a seance in his parlor, properly darkened for the purpose. He became one of the audience, which was soon invited to profit by a visit from his wife's deceased sister. The visitor dimly appearing in white, the doctor seized her by the waist, carried her yelling to the front door and threw her down the steps. When she was untangled and straightened out she bodies of Pennsylvania managed to ignore proved to be one of the mediumistic helpers. their duty in this matter that some of the | Then the doctor threw the other helper out of the window and gave the principal a inaction can be safely pursued. But this is sound thrashing. After clearing up these an error. The exigencies of the business preliminary points in the discussion he dissituation will press with greater force every sected the cabinet and explained its philoso-

> Since then a court of justice has decided that Dr. Buckner's methods were legal as well as extremely practical. Spooks would everybody applied the Dr. Buckner tests to spiritualistic phenomena.

doubts.

# ENGLAND'S CRITICAL TADPOLES.

Among the conspicuous monstrosities that the culture of England has produced of late libly to public confidence so long as its years is the critic who denies that anything promises are but mere campaign wind, in- good in a literary way can come out of any land but his own. America has not cerdence, ignorance or frigid egotism with such a British product as Mr. George Saintsbury, for example.

Mr. Saintsbury recently contributed to

the St. James Magazine an article echoing the trite query of Sidney Smith, "Who Reads an American Book?" and explaining that nobody reads American books because none worth reading have been written. If be poking a little quiet fun at himself. Mr. Saintsbury were an idle inkslinger for obscure prints his remarks would not de-serve any notice at all. But he very broad-time in a very critical condition, is recovering serve any notice at all. But he very broadly represents that little band of egotistic Philistines of which we have spoken. English literature is co-extensive in his eyes | week. with the geographical boundaries of England, and he and his companions are able to keep the world, informed of their belief from time to time in respectable magazines. It is not necessary to rehearse here the names of American authors, living and dead, whose works are as highly regarded and as often read as those of their British cotemporaries. In fact, our only object in calling attention to Mr. Saintsbury's deliverance is to exhibit to our readers a notable monstrosity which has excited some attention in England and here of late. Mr. Saintsbury and the critical frogs in the same pond may continue to tell the world that American authors have as yet produced continue to hold a contrary opinion. But the fate of the frog who tried to blow himself up to the size of an ox ought to be a warning to little Saintsbury and his fellow tadpoles.

# CLEANING HOUSE.

Some brilliant scientist thinks it worth the profound thinker who has just now collided for the first time with the beneficial aspect of spring house cleaning. It would be safe to bet that he is a bachelor. A lone. melancholy man without feminine kith or kin. Not even a female second cousin to

Or, else he would have had it drummed cleaning is not only the heaven-born privi-Thus opens a new prospect of review lege of woman, but is the one necessary

germs have the best of it. They need not enter the house. The man must

THE school teachers who are seeking for a reform in the hours of the school session have apparently a good basis for their arguments. They want the afternoon session abolished during the heated term, and to make up for the time which would be thus lost, propose that the morning session should begin an hour or so earlier. The teachers assert that they are seeking to benefit the scholars, and their suggestion of reform deserves consideration

THE far-famed Proctor Knott did not win the Derby at Louisville yesterday, although thousands staked their money on their trust in him. Spokane, beside beating the favorite, broke the three-year-old record. A good many bettors were broken likewise.

IT is becoming generally understood that New York has only two orators of reliability, Bishop Potter and Mr. Chauncey Depew. The latter has been asked to deliver a funeral oration over the reburial of the bones of thousands of bodies taken from an old cemetery down town. Bishop Potter stirred up the dry bones of the nation a few days since so effectually that Mr. Depew's oratory was naturally deemed more suitable

WEST VIRGINIA is still trying to find out who it was that her people elected Gov ernor. Unless she makes better progress than during the past few months she will hardly be able to settle the question until the gubernatorial term ends.

CONSIDERING the fact that a majority o the people of Pittsburg are descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, the congress now being held in Columbus, Tenn., is one in which citizens of Allegheny county cannot fail to take a deep interest. The Scotch-Irish, not only in Pennsylvania, but elsewhere in the country, have always been among the best and most honored citizens.

FOR a man who gets less than \$30 a month King Tamasese, of Samoa, seems to cling to his job with remarkable tenacity. Possibly it is the honors rather than the rewards of office that make him long to continue in power.

IT is the fashion to say, and unluckily the fashion is founded on trusty experience. that our legislators don't earn their salaries If the number of bills introduced by the Allegheny delegation is any indication, the list published in THE DISPATCH to-day would seem to show that our representative have really done a lot of work.

A DOG whose ferocious career was ended resterday seems to have illustrated in his life of biting that homicidal mania is not confined exclusively to rational bipeds The poor animal could not plead drunken-

THE demonstration of popular sympathy and approval which hailed "The Lion of Peru" at the Grand Opera House last night must have been peculiarly gratifying to Messrs. Wales and Wood, of this city. It is to be hoped that more substantial re sults of still more agreeable character will scerne to them.

IF Winter is still lingering in the lap of Spring he must have found his seat decidedly uncomfortable yesterday.

THE Allegheny ball team was not lucky yesterday, but it kept Chicago's infants hustling to avoid a defeat like unto that of the day before. It still looks as if Hustler two victories on a broad smile when he leaves Chicago.

# PUBLIC PEOPLE PARAGRAPHED.

MRS. JULIA WARD Howe has just been vis ting Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul THE British customs authorities collected full duty on the Australian silver casket sent by the women of South Australia as a silveredding gift to the Prince of Wales. The age

of chivalry is past. ATTORNEY GENERAL DALTON, of Mass. chusetts, has attended 127 state dinners and banquets during the last five months. In spite of his official position, it is evident that he is

SIR WILLIAM JENNER, Oneen Victoria's physician, says that he is surprised to see his patient looking so much better than when she REPRESENTATIVE LAIRD, of Nebraska, who slowly. He has convalenced so far that he has

attended a meeting of the State delegation in Senator Manderson's room, at the Capitol, this Few birds of our time, says "Piccadilly," are more celebrated than the peacocks of Hughen-den, so much loved by the late Lord Beaconsfield. But even peacocks are not immortal; and, one of them having recently died, the young squire of Hughenden has had its feathers combined into a hand screen as a present

for Her Majesty, who is delighted with this

souvenir of her favorite Minister. THE Prince of Wales, says the London Star lives the life of a regular country gentleman at Sandringham, eating the huge breakfasts of the Norfolk farmer, going in extensively for home comforts looking after his farms and stock, and taking a keen interest in sport. He is not a bad landlord, as landlords go, but, as a bitter and terribly satiric pamphlet by a brilliant lady tenant of the Prince's lately informed the world, H. R. H. brooks no obstacles in his path when his rights as a land despot are in question.

An unpublished letter written by Horace Breeley in November, 1869, to Mr. Richard Eason, of this city, gives some facts relating to his school life and his teachers. "I did go to school," he wrote, "to Mr. John Vose-also to a Miss Parker—but not quite so long ago as 1812. It was the winter of 1818-19, if my memory serves-if not, it was the winter preceding. remember Mr. Vose very well; also his brother Alfred (younger). I do not so clearly make out Miss Parker, as I attended school but little is summer, having to work on my father's farm most of the time. Still, I remember the Parker family very well, and especially the oldest daughter, whom I presume I went to school to when I was 7 years old."

# CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT.

Visit of Veterans of the Tippecanee Campalgu to the White House.

WASHINGTON, May 9.-The association of veterans of 1850, composed of members of the Tippecanoe Club, who assisted in the election of President William Henry Harrison, to-day called at the White House in a body, for the purpose of paying their respects to the President. There were about 70 veterans in all, including ex-Minister Schenck, ex-Senator Pom-eroy and ex-Public Printer Clapp. The latter acted as Chairman of the delegation, and made an address to the President explaining the ob-ject of their visit. The President responded as

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen: "I beg to assure you that I appreciate very ighly this evidence of your respect and confi-ence. If I were to set before me an ambition which would insure the success of my adminis-tration, it would be that I might continue to hold fast the respect and confidence of such men as yourselves, matured of mind and un-biased in judgment. I thank you for your

Subsequently the President gave a reception to the sons and daughters of the veterans. The Onkmont Summer House

THE TOPICAL TALKER. It is Really Warm, You Know-Tennis and

Ten - A New Les Miserables - Chit-Chat. GENTLEMEN, as a distinguished flo New York City would say, yesterday was a hot day. The observation may sound a trifle trite, but it is true. From the rising of the sun upon the thousands wending their way to divers tasks in the city unto the going down of the same upon hundreds of perspiring patriots stewing in the Grand Opera House, it was as hot as Gehenna, or, as the perverse slangist of this day has it, as Hannah. If to-day is as hot, blessed is he that hath a

drinkable to sell. The saloons, the drug stores and even the water fountains did a roaring trade yesterday. One bartender observed-not to me, but to a trustworthy friend of mine, of course—that if the hot spell kept up for 24 ours longer the saloon in which he served would have cleared \$3,000 in less than a week. 2,0

AUGUST FRANZ, a farmer of this county, aid yesterday that the foliage of the trees vegetables, and crops generally, were two weeks ahead of their usual growth at this date. The country, in his experience of 30 years, was as far advanced to-day as it is wont to be on

TENNIS AND TEA.

The summer is here, spring surely is swooning For want of a sephyr-indeed, so are we— But still let us welcome the season of spooning At tennis and tea. Some men are not happy without can de vie;

Their bait is a battle or may be ballooning. But a lawn and two teacups with Laura for me You swear at the summer, and spend your time mooning;
No object in living you say you can see.
You'll find a reward for the heat of your nooning

In tennis and tea. Scene, an Allegheny street car. Dramatis persona: Two girls of marriageable age, one in a gray dress, the other in a cool looking blue Blue gown-I wish I knew French; can you

speak it?
Gray dress-Oh, I know some; not a great Blue gown-I'd like to know enough to understand the French phrases you find in novels. Gray dress—Oh, I know enough to do that,

It is convenient of course. Blue gown-It must be, now, the other day my mamma gave me a book to read and I found st so many French words in it 1 gave it back Gray dress-What was it, dear?

Blue gown-Oh, Les Miserables, -- one When you come to think of it, "Les Miserables" would not be such a bad name for Rid Haggard's literature taken generically. SUMMER LIGHTNING.

You've seen the storm clouds gather fast, And darken all the sky— You may have also seen that storm In summer lightning die,

So Judge White's bold accusers come From furious fog to swear he Has used in court—just think of it! Discretion arbitrary!

WHEN the Boston Ideals were here the firs time this season a certain merchant of this city was notably struck with Mile. Zelie De Lussa; He went every night to see her, and on the last night of the engagement he confided to Manager Wilt that he would have given \$100 to have had Mile. De Lussan sing "My Sweetheart." Mr. Wilt bore word of this to the dashing young prima donna, and she said that she would have gladly sung it for courtesy merely if she had been requested, as she happened to have the song in her portfolio.

This time the same merchant of this city-Mr. Wilt gave me his name and I know the story is true—sent a request to Mile. De Lussan to sing the song, and she agreed to do so on next Saturday evening, when she sings her farewell to Pittsburg. The lover of "My Sweetheart," with a theater party of 25, will be

## THE Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

City Selected for the Next Meeting. PHILADELPHIA, May 9.—The second day's ession of the International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association commenced by the reading of a passage of Scripture and wrayer by Rev. J. A. M. Chapman, D. D., of Philadelphia. President Chamberlain then announced the standing committees. Among

announced the standing committees. Among the members of the Committee on Business was G. N. Paden, of Pittsburg.

"Approved Methods of State Work, How Made More Effective," was then taken up, and addresses on the subject were made by T. J. Gillespie, of Cleveland, Chairman of State Committee of Ohio; Charles Loughridge, Chicago, of the Illinois State Committee, and H. J. McCoy, San Francisco, of the California State Committee. Matthew Hodder, a coworker in London, with George Williams, was then introduced. He is a white haired and bearded man, 62 years old, and has been 42 years in association work. H. Hoffer, General Secretary of the Association at Zurich, Switzerland, a very youthful appearing man, said his countrymen thought the men of this country were too fast, but he had seen that God could go as fast as the men can. John Wanamaker started the work in his country Wanamaker started the work in his country and town, and through his generosity their and town, and through his generosity heir first Secretary was now addressing the assem-bled delegates. He wished to heartily thank Mr. Wanamaker and express his kindly feeling toward Philadelphia.

The topic of the afternoon was "The em-ployed officers of the associations, the class of men wanted, the training they should receive.

men wanted, the training they should receive, and their relation to the work." and it was fully treated in a paper read by H. B. Chamberlain, of Denver, now President of the associations. There was an animated time over the selection of the place for the next convention in 1891. Invitations were received from Kansas City, Nashville, Chicago and St. Paul. The former was finally selected.

# MEXICAN WAR VETERANS.

Those of the Buckeye State Hold a Reunli at Newark. Special Telegram to The Dispatch.

NEWARK, O., May 9 .- The Mexican War ve erans closed their State reunion in this city today. There were about 75 members in attend. ance. They visited the old fort and passed an hour or two in speech making and hand-

shaking.

At a meeting held to-day the following officers were elected: President, A. J. Robinson, Sydney; Marshal, Andrew Kline, Fremont; Secretary and Treasurer, J. H. Smith, Newark; Assistant Secretary, Ira E. Keisey, Duncans, The next reunion will be held in Mt. Vernon, May 8 and 9, 1890.

Minister Phelps Has a New Job. NEW HAVEN, May 9 .- The rumor which has been circulating for the past six months to the effect that ex-Minister Phelps would resume his duties as professor in the Yale Law School was verified to-day by the issuance of a prospectus of the elective studies with a course in law by Prof. Phelps,

Another Celebrated Nun. The reception of Miss Catherine Drexel, the \$3,000,000 Philadelphia heiress, into the convent of the Sisters of Mercy, in this city, recalls to mind the fact that, in addition to the other well-known women in that convent is Miss Gillesple, the relative of James G. Blaine.

# DEATHS OF A DAY.

General William Harney.

St. Louis, May 9.-A private dispate received here this noon reports the deat to-day at Orlando, Fia., of General Wil Harney, the oldest officer of iam United States army. General Harney was born in 1800, and acquired a fondness for military life

when very young through associations with hi brother, who was a surgeon in the army. In 1818 he was given his first military appointment by President Monroe, as a Lieutenant in the First Regiment, Infantry, stationed in Louislana, and Harney's first expedition was an exciting or against the famous LaFitte. Captain Harney next conspicuous service was in the Black Haw War, after which he took a leave of absence an War, after which he took a leave of absence and came to St. Louis, where he made the acquintance of Mary Mulianphy, daughter of John Mulianphy. In January, 1883, he married Miss Mulianphy. In January, 1883, he married Miss Mulianphy. When the Mexican War broke outher was placed in command of the Texas frontier, where he was separated from his command. During the period preceding the Civil War he was at Washington and was frequently in conference with President Buchanan. When the war began he was stationed at St. Louis. His services ended in 1883, when he was retired. In 1885 he was brevetted Major General for long and faithful service. About 1875 he removed from his home at Mount Olive, Mo., to Pass Christian, in Louislasa, where he built a handsome villa, visiting St. Louis docasionally.

William D. O'Conner. WASHINGTON, May 9.—William D. O'Connor, Assistant General Superintendent of the Life Saving Service, died in this city this morning, after a long illness from paralysis,

### AN EVENING OF PLEASURE

Miss Hamilton's Pupils and Friends

Lafayette Hall. The pupils of Miss Agnes Hamilton' dancing school enjoyed themselves as only masters and misses can, at Lafayette Hall, last evening. The programme was extended, but the actors were as enthusiastic at the close as at the beginning, though there will be some heavy-eyed boys and girls at 7 o'clock some heavy-eyed boys and girls at 7 o'clock this morning. After the completion of the programme adult friends were allowed to join in the festivities. The weather wasn't particularly favorable for dancing, but most in attendance forgot discomfort in exhibitration. Toerge's orchestra furnished the melody.

The youngsters presented many pretty plotures in the grand march, Loomis' lancers, polka, galop, Castinet dance, Yankee Doodle, Highland Fling, York, Fairy Bower, Highland Schottische, Washington Minuet, Coming Through the Rya, Buy a Broom, Fishermaidens, Saltor Froile, Gilde Mazurka, Tambourine Dance, March, Octagon Quadrille, Waltz and Scotch Reel.

### SCOVEL WILL BE THERE.

The Reception of the Art Society Promise to be a Success.
At the 150th reception of the Art Society, to be held this evening in the Pittsburg Clul Theater, the walls will be hung with some two score etchings and nearly as many water-colors from the burin and brush of Mrs. Edith from the burin and brush of Mrs. Edith Loring Pierce-Getchell, a young lady who has won national fame in the department of etching. Mrs. Getchell was a pupil of Stephen Parrish and R. Swain Gifford, and is a cousin of Mr. Harold Pierce, the well-known insurance man of this city.

The musical programme for this evening has been arranged by Mrs. Josiah Cohen, The leading instrumental numbers will be Concertos by Mendelssohn and Schumann, played on two planos, and a Trio by Bargiel. Members and friends attending will also have the pleasure of hearing a song or two members and friends attending will also have the pleasure of hearing a song or two by Chevaller Edward Scovel, the tenor of the Boston Ideals, who has accepted an invitation to sing before Pittsburg's choicest artistic coterie.

Reception to a Pastor. The congregation of Point Breeze Presbyterian Church gave a very pleasing relast evening to their new pastor, Rev. De Witt N. Benham. The lecture room of the church was handsomely decorated with flowers, Neighboring congregations were well represented. The exercises though informal were exceedingly interacting.

An Allegheny Wedding. Miss Jennie Catterall, of Monterey street Allegheny, and Mr. William Erb, a busines man of the Northside, were married yesterday afternoon at St. Peter's Church by Rev. Father O'Connell. Mr. and Mrs. Erb were the recipients of a number of handsome presents. They will reside in the Second ward.

A Literary Social. The Washington Irving Literary Society, of Glenshaw, last evening gave a very enjoyable social at the residence of the Misses Frederick. In addition to refreshments the entertainment included readings, recitations and music by members of the society.

A PROTEST WITHOUT VOICE.

The Deaf and Dumb Object to Their Last Census Cinselfication. WASHINGTON, May 9 .- Mr. Robert Porter. Superintendent of the Census; Dr. J. S. Billings, in charge of mortality and vital statistics of the census, and Dr. Gallaudet, President of the National Deaf and Dumb College, had a conference to-day with regard to the classification of deaf mutes in the new census. classification of deaf mutes in the new census. Friends of the deaf and dumb suggested that an injustice hurtful to the feelings of this unfortunate class had been done in the last census by publishing the statistics relating to the deaf and dumb in the special volume treating of the insane, pauper and criminal classes. Mr. Porter coincided in this view of the matter, and informed Dr. Gallandet that the facts relative to deaf mutes would be printed in the volume devoted to social statistics, and that the prison and pauper statistics would be printed separately.

printed separately.

It is also desired that the collection of the statistics of the deaf and dumb should be made to throw as much light as possible upon the mooted question of whether or not the in-crease in the number of persons afflicted with loss of voice and hearing is due to intermar-riage among the deaf and dumb. It is probahie that this object will be kept in mind in making the collection of the census, but Mr. Porter's determination is to avoid any minute investigation which will delay the completion of the census work.

### . CRONIN'S DISAPPEARANCE.

New Theory of the Police in Regard to His Supposed Death. CHICAGO, May 9.- The only new thing in the Cronin case to-day was a new theory which the police had under consideration. It had not yet been acted upon, but it is not improbable that it will be. The theory is that Cronin's body, if the doctor is dead, will be found in one of the the doctor is dead, will be found in one of the new-made graves in one of the cemeteries in the neighborhood. It is contended that it would have been easy for the assassins to open a fresh grave during the hours of the night when lonely places in the cemeteries are not watched, and, after depositing the body in it, replace the earth as it originally was.

The North Branch is still being dragged today for Cronin's body, and the search for it in the woods at Lakeview and along the shore of

#### the lake is still kept up. The Most Forgetful Man.

From the New York Sun.1 The most forgetful man of recent years is the man who was tried on a charge of burgiary in Brooklyn the other day, when he testified that he had nevel been arrasted before. Yesterday he admitted that he was once convicted of murder in New Jersey, and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, but he said he had "forgotten all about it." It is natural that so forgetful a person should forget to enter his own house and break into some other fellow's.

The Untold Half. From the Philadelphia Press. 1 The New Yorkers assert that only half the truth has been told about the recent centenniai ball. There is only this to say with refer-

ence to this statement—that if the untold half is half as bad as the half that has been told, it is better left untold Not a Good Year for Brican-Brac. from the Philadelphia Press. The impecunious Italian count who is trying to sell his title for \$30,000 in New York has not

found a customer so far. The market for brica-brac is extremely duit this year. TRI-STATE PRODUCTS.

LIMA, O., has a colored wo man who is turn-MR ER COLLINS, of Warren, Pa., killed 14 rattlesnakes last Sunday. CHARLES BAYNE, of Waynesburg, Pa., carries in his body 11 buckshot received during the war. It's a riddle how he lives. On February 2 last H. M. Stokes, of Mt. Jog.

started a postal card on a tour around the world. He received it May I, via San Fran-JOHN BURKETT, of Warrior's Mark, Pa., was hauling a load of coffins from the depot, when his horse ran off, pitched him out and piled a wreck of coffins on top of him. He will

GEORGE and Louis Lang, of Dunkirk, while

e sore for weeks.

spearing in the Canadanoy, struck a 16-pound fish which proved to be a mirror carp. It was of the shape of a bass, and of dark yellow, shaded almost to black on the back. THE first baseman of a nine of a school Wheeling, W. Va., in a game of ball the other day was kicked in the eye by a runner. The damage was slight. The runner must have

been making some wonderful evolutions complish such a feat. An agent for one of the slot and nickel chew ing-gum machines had an odd experience in Bethlehem, Pa., the other day. Upon ope one of them he found 65 iron -washers instead of so many pennes, which had been put in the slot, and 65 cakes of gum missing.

AFTER one of the Sunday schools in York, had been dismissed last Sunday the teacher went to count the collection and found but 6 cents, some bad soys in the school having rifled the boy. The scholars of that Sunday school seem to have better principles than some churchgoers, judging from the fact that no buttens were found in the box. An Akron, O., man removed a tattooed design from the back of his hand in an original

way. He got a number of long needles, which he drove along just under the surface of the skin, pretty close together. Then he held a candle to the ends of the needles till they got hot enough to cook the tattooing thoroughly. Next day he wiped the device off with his hand and found no scar.

### POOLING PREFERRED.

President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Examined as an Expert by the Senate Investigating Committee-His Views on the Canadian Competition

NEW YORK, May 9 .- The United Stat Senate Inter-State Commerce Investigating Committee met again to-day. The first witness was President George B. Roberts, of the Penn sylvania Railroad. He stated that the Penn sylvania system comprised a number of leased roads in addition to the Pennsylvania road proper, which practically controlled the policy of the system. It had very little actual business relations with any Canadian road. Senator Cullom-What have you to say of the relations between the Canadian roads and

those of the United States?

Mr. Roberts—Since the United States has begun to regulate the railroad companies by special legislation, the latter have been placed at a disadvantage in their competition with those of Canada. The effect of the Grand Trunk roads being independent of the legislation which affects those of the United States is a constant menace to the lattier. I don't know that at present the Canadian roads do any serious injury to American commerce, but they are in a position to do so at any time the managers see fit to do so.

"What advantage have the Canadian roads ver those of the United States?" "The Canadian Pacific is heavily subsidize

"The Canadian Pacific is heavily subsidized by the Government so as to encourage the development of the country. Both the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific roads draw their supplies from England free of duty."

"Can roads in the United States be operated as cheaply as the Canadian roads?"

"There is considerable doubt as to the answer to that question."

Senator Culjom—What remedy have you to suggest as an amendment to the law that would place American roads and Canadian roads on an equality?

Mr. Roberts—I think that any foreign corporation doing business here should be subject to the same laws as the roads of our own country. If Canadian roads are permitted to carry traffic in and out of the United States they should be made amenable to our laws. Of course, we cannot obligs foreign roads to conform to our laws when they are out of the country, but while they do business within our borders, the same law should apply to both. In fact, I am not so sure that foreign roads should be allowed the privileges they enjoy in this country even under these conditions. I cannot quite understand why foreign roads should be allowed to go in and out of the United States, while foreign vessels are not allowed to do a coasting trade with this country.

Senator Blair—What practical method do

Senator Blair-What practical method do you suggest to protect us in our competition

Mr. Roberts-I should make them subject to the same laws which our own roads obey. In case this is not satisfactory, I think our own case this is not satisfactory, I think our own roads are fully able to accommodate the public even if there were no Canadian roads.

Senator Gorman asked President Roberts the same question that Mr. Wiman answered yesterday whether or not it would be a fair proposition for the United States to demand that all Canadian roads doing business in the United States should conform to the American laws of else stay out of the country. Mr. Roberts replied that he thought it a perfectly fair demand, and one which should be made in the interest of American roads.

Senator Gorman—There is a move on foot, I understand, to construct a through line from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast to connect at either end with a subsidized line of steamers, its object being to take the trade that comes from Uhina and Japan and transport it to the eastern coast. What chance, in your opinion, do American roads stand in controlling this trade?

trade?

Mr. Roberts—The American roads have first
call on all such trade, and under equal conditions with the Canadian roads could control it.

Mr. Roberts was in favor of pooling, as only the different roads in the con keep their agreement. Under the old system of pooling, certain of the roads kept a part of the contract, but other conditions were viod. mator Blair—Then is not the true princi-of railroad business combination rather han competition?

Mr. Roberts—Hardly. I am in favor of a fair competition under proper legislation. If this could be brought about, it would be much

When President Roberts had ended, President W. C. Van Horn, of the Canadian Pacific road, was called upon for his views upon the subject in question. He described the Canadian Pacifix road from Halitax across the continent to Vancouver, and then by a line of subsidized steamers to China, to Japan and Australia. The Canadian roads compete with American roads for trade from San Francisco, China, Japan and Alaska in the West, and some of the trade from Ontario to Manitoba. Senator Cullom—What percentage of your traffic is taken from the United States?

Mr. Van Horn—Ido not know the exact figures, but aside from coal, the percentage of trade taken from the United States is very small.

small.

Mr. Van Horne was followed by President and General Manager John Newell. of the Lake Shore and Michigan Railway. He testified that his road suffered severely from the competitive practices of the Canadian roads, and offered to furnish the committee with documentary evidence of the unfair dealings and methods of the Grand Trunk Railway in particular, which, he said, were now one of the largest carriers out of Chicago. Chairman Cullom accepted his offer. To-morrow the committee will listen to representative husi-

#### THE LILY'S NARROW ESCAPE. Nearly Run Over by a Fast Trotter, but

Saved by Freddle's Help. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. LEWISTON, ME., May 9.-Mrs. Langtry appeared here last night in "As in a Looking Glass." The character of this play is not, however, suited to the tastes of the theater-goers of this vicinity, and although the clite of Lewis ton and Auburn and surrounding towns was present, yet in this regard it was a disappointment. Not since the appearance of Dixey in

"Adonis" has there been a more refined audience in Music Hall, Congressman Dingley and wife being among the number.

While the "Jersey Lily" was on her way from the depbt to the hotel, she narrowly escaped what might have been a serious accident. An above the serious accident. Auburn attorney, who was speeding a fast trotter, ran upon her, but luckily reined the animal before anybody got injured. Mrs. Langtry glanced up and beheld the borse, frothing at the mouth and rearing on his haunches above her head, a more realistic, unassumed dramatic attitude was never struck, on or off the stage. Her face became deathly pale and she let forth an unearthly shriek, and threw her arms wildly around the neck of "Freddie," but for whose assistance she would have fallen to the ground.

### THE TRUSTS WILL PERISH. That is the Conclusion of the New York Sen

ate Investigating Committee. ALBANY, May 9 .- The State Senate General Laws Committee, ordered last year to investi-gate trusts, has reported. The committee concludes that oppressive trusts have within them the element of their own destruction; that as trusts become better known they be-come less feared; that the evils of which they are the cause are short lived; that, pending suits now on the way to the Court of Appeals, no legislation should be had. A test case has been started against the But-falo elevators relative to which the reportsays: "Meanwhile the elevators are charging a price one-eighth of a ceut a bushel in excess of the price fixed by law, claiming that the work can-not be done for less."

A Neighboring Road. Joseph D. Weeks accompanied President Mayer, of the Baltimore and Ohio, Thomas M. King and Senator Camden in their tour of inspection through West Virginia recently. Mr. Weeks says the company intends to build the projected road from Fairchance, Pa., to Wes-ton, a distance of 211 miles, in the near future. He says the road will tap fine lumber and coal fields, as well as run through some first-class

out: "Striker up!" It was merely force of habit, of course, but it cost him \$5 for coutempt of court, just the same. Mr. Du Bois, the Idaho Congressional delegate, was in the city yesterday. He says the appointment of Arthur L. Thomas, an old Pittsburger, to be Governor of Utah, meets with general satisfaction. The Mormons like him, but they also realize that they can expect no particular favors.

From the Minneapolis Tribune.)
The umpire sat in the court room as the

striker was sentenced to 00 days, and as the judge finished his remarks the umpire called

### BITS OF NEW YORK NEWS.

To be Fired for Not Paying Board. INEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALS,

NEW YORK, May 2.—"Young Napoleon" Ives and George H. Stayner will not be the star boarders in the Ludiow Street Jail much longer. The warden is already threatening to eject them from their comfortable quarters for non-payment of board, and to look them up in ordinance. payment of board, and to lock them up in ordi-nary cells. Ives and Stayner have lived very expensively in jail. They have had famous room 33, where William M. Tweed, Ferdinand Ward, and other members of the first criminal circles have been confined while awaiting trial. This room is the best one in the jail, and is let only at summer hotel rates. Ives and Stayner have had the best table that Ludiow street afforded and have smoked 29-cent cigars. This was all very well at first, when they expected to be bailed out within a week or two. Several menths of it, however, have emptied their pockets. For the last two weeks they have had messengers scurrying around among their friends to borrow small amounts of money. The prison officials are prophesying that within a week the firm of Ives & Stayner will be enjoying no better accommodations than the other prisoners. Ives passes most of his time in writing a history of his Wall street career, which will show the relations of several prom-inent financiers of Wall street with his firm, in their transactions in connection with the famous Baltimore and Ohio deal, the Cincinnati, Hanniton and Dayton, and other roads. Both men have given up all hopes of being re-leased on bail. The criminal indictments against Ives and Stayner will probably not be tried until after the civil suits are decided, and it is probable that the civil suits will not be brought to trial until after the summer recess of the courts,

Going in Business for Themselves. Digby Bell and his wife, Laura Joyce Bell, who resigned from the McCauff Opera Com-pany some time ago, are organizing a company

The four Commissioners of Public Works in Jersey City, who have been on trial for malfeasance in office, were to-day pronounced in-nocent by the fury. They were accused of hav-ing plundered the city treasury by entering false names on the pay rolls, and of securing salaries for men who never did a stroke of work for the city. Charges of perjury will be presented to the grand jury against the wit-ness, James Smith, who was working for the city and as laborer in the gauger's departme of the Custom House at the same time, and had the audacity to swear that he was not required to render any service to the Government

### A Big Funeral Next Week.

The biggest funeral New York has ever se will take place next week. Some 200 boxes of human bones, relics of thousands of bodies for-merly buried in the old Broad street cemetery, near the Battery, will then be interred in Fairmount Cemetery. Chauncey Depew will deliver the funeral oration. A \$4,000 monument will be erected over the spot where the ones are buried.

### A WEIRD CRINESE TALE.

Professional Assassias to Be Employed in Fight Between Two Castes-

CHICAGO, May 9 .- Some high art profess al assassinations threaten the better element of the Chinese population. A bitter feud has broken out between the two largest Chinese clans, and one of them has invoked the assist-ance of the Highbinders as a security, whose business is murder. The feud grew out of a quarrel among a number of Chinese gamblers. even Chinese gambling resorts, it is said, have been running under police protection upon the payment of \$15 to certain officials. Six of these houses were conducted by members of the Moy clan and one by a Chinn. The Moy Belfast, Ireland, picked up a large seagull, gamblers paid in their last month's contribu-tion, so the story runs, but the Chinn decided

for their stakes. A general fight ensued, and a number of Moys were present and the feeling between the two class never having been cordial, the fight soon assumed family lines. The Chinn gambler declared that the Moys started the report to break up his business. He called his Chinn neighbors to his assistance and they overpowered the Moys. The Moys summoned the police and had the Chinn gang arrested. Then the Chinn gang called a meeting. Over 200 members of the clan met. Excited speeches were made, and funds raised to hire Highbinders to kill a sufficient number of men to satisfy the Moys. It is said that secret assassins have been sent for to New York, Boston, Baltimore and Kansas City, and the professional murderers are expected to arrive to-day. for their stakes. A general fight ens

o-day. The Moys are in a state of terror. They have The Moys are in a state of terror. They have no secret murder society, and they fear the stealth and crafty methods of their enemies. The Moys have proposed that each side select an equal number of men, who should go out on the prairie and fight it out, but the Chinns thought they had an easier revenge than by risking their own lives when professional murderers were so handy and chean. The Moys are much more numerous in Chicago, and they represent the Chinese element engaged in other than the laundry business. Hip Lung, the Chinese marshal, is a Moy. The character and intelligence of this family is much higher than that of the Chinns, who are chiefly engaged in the laundry business. Outchiefly engaged in the laundry business. Out-side Chicago the Chinns are the more numerous, and recent immigration has brough their number well nigh up to that of the Moys

#### even in this city. DOING A GREAT WORK. Seventy-Third Annual Meeting of the

American Bible Society. NEW YORK, May 9 .- The seventy-third ar nual meeting of the American Bible Society was held here to-day. The annual report shows tifat the total cash receipts for general pur-poses were \$499,823. The disbursements were \$555,989, leaving a deficiency of \$56,989, which \$555,989, leaving a deficiency of \$50,000, which was provided for in part by a loan and in part by the sale of certain securities.

The following gentlemen were elected to the Board of Managers for four years, to succeed the same number whose terms have expired: John H. Earle, S. V. R. Cruger, Elbert A. Brinkerhoff, James G. Levett, Charles H. Trask, William Hoyt, Robert W. Deforest, J. D. Crook and T. G. Sellew.

Fallure of a Wholesale Grocer. Special Telegram to The Dispatch. MEADVILLE, May 8.-Jules Dealaunay wholesale grocer, assigned to-day to Arthur L. Bates, Esq., for the benefit of creditors, Assetts, \$30,000; liabilities not known.

ODD ITEMS FROM FOREIGN SHORES.

THE largest circulation on record is that attained by the volume "Hymns, Ancient and Modern." Twenty million copies have been sold n the 18 years of its existence. THERE is so long a list of applicants for admission to the London Athenaum Club that the last man elected had been waiting for 16 years, and 15 years is the average time that a name re-

mains on the lists there unless it is so dist

guished that it is taken up out of its order. Three or four years is said to be a moderate time to wait for a chance of admission to many other clubs in London. KAISER WILLIAM's change of the court dress back to the fashions of 1700 leads one of th leading social organs of London to consider the influence of the Prince of Wales on fashions. and the conclusion is that it is very small. A couple of years ago his attempt to force a "cross-lined check on a stiff-necked West End" was a complete failure. This year he has tried to make knee breeches go, but they don't go. He has a very strong dislike to a black tie with evening dress, but even there he has been able to enforce his idea only upon such men as are on the guest list of Mariborough House, from

which several names have been crossed off for

disregard of their host's preference for white

cravats. THE advertising columns of the Scho contain the offer of a vicar of a Yorkshire parcontain the offer of a vicar of a Yorkshire par-ish of "Five-and-twenty pounds a year" for a teacher of a school under his jurisdiction. The candidate must be "certificated," a churchman, able to play the harmonium, and his merits must be attested by four gentlemen, of whom two must be clergymen, speaking from their personal knowledge. The actual salary is £20, to which is added £2, the estimated rent of the schoolmaster's two-roomed cottage, admitted to be "rough," and the children's school fees, which together make up the total amount. The It's All is the Family.

From the New York World.1

Republicans who express doubt about the President's relations to his party must acknowledge, at all events, that he is devoting his party to his relations. CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Chicago last week annexed three suburban towns having a total population of ner

-An egg the shell of which shows all the colors of the rainbow is the product of an Elisworth, Me., hen.

-The game killed last season on nine -The game Killed has season on nine estates longing to Prince Schwarzenberg in Silesia, Saxony, Bohemia and Upper Anstria, was 54,450 head, including 28,570 hares, 19,887 partridges, 3,182 wild ducks, 355 red deer, 1,356 roc deer, 1,774 phensants, 200 will boar, 119 hazel grouse, 100 woodcocks and 95 fallow deer. -The latest "nickel-in-the-alot" device is to be seen at the Philadelphia railroad stations,

Deposit your money and you will receive an ac-cident insurance policy, good for 28 hours, all for 5 cents. "The thing is entirely impersonal, and a claimant might have difficulty in proving his rights," said one who experimented yester-day. -The average watch is composed of 175 different pieces, comprising upward of 2,400 separate and distinct operations in its manufacture. The balance has 18,000 beats or vibrations per hour, 12,000,000 in 30 days, 187,000,000 in one year. It travels 1 48-100 inches with each vibration, which is equal to 914 miles in 26 hours, 29234 miles in 30 days, or 2,0004 miles in 30 ne year.

-The mail clerks on the Burlington and Countil Bluffs division of the "Q." were treated to a scare the other day. While the train was going at the rate of 30 miles an hour a black some as one race of 30 miles an hour a blacks make 62 inches long crawled out of a mail bag and showed fight. It was promptly dispatched. The reptile had come from a pasteboard box six inches square, in which a hole had been punctured for ventilation. The box was addressed to Miss Smith, California, Iowa, and was mailed in Kanass.

-Mr. Segee, of Brunswick, Ga., went to fish recently with a big net for drum; instead, however, he caught a mammoth sword fish 14 feet long. The work of capture was no small job, as a sword fish 14 feet long, 2 feet thick and job, as a sword fish 14 feet long, 2 feet thick and 3 feet 2 inches across the flips was no minnow to handle. Mr. S. had to worry him a long time before he got a chance to strike him in the head with his oar. After this was done his head was ent off to save his sword and his body was sent adrift. His sword was a formidable weapon, measuring 3 feet and 1 inch long.

-What is supposed to be a hidden treasure was found lately in the North Town Moss, ure was found lately in the North Town Moss, Island of Burray, Orkney, by George Petrie, while cutting peats for fuel. Afterward a sheriff proceeded to the place and secured the find, which consists of silver coins, armiets and necklets. The coins are of the eleventh century. There are 25 armiets or bangles and other pieces, and 22 neck rings of silver wire, rope pattern. All the articles are in a good state of preservation. The largest armiet or hangle we glis over two ounces, the smallest about one-half ounce.

-The following letter from Mr. Fits Hugh to John Buckner, written in 1861, and to be found in the Virginia Register, sounds odd be found in the Virginia Register, sounds odd now, although when written it was serious enough: "I hope you will make me some abate-ment for the dumb negro you sent me. Had she been a new negro (recently imported) I must have blamed my fate and not you. But one that you had had for two years I must con-clude that you knew her qualities, which is bad at work—worse at talking; and took advantage of the softness of my messenger to quit your hands of her." -New Lisbon, O., can boast of a daring

norsewoman. The other evening she had been out driving, and returning to the stable, hitched her horse to a wagon while she started to inher horse to a wagon while she started to inform the stable man of her return. The animal became frightened and pulling back, drew the wagon toward him, frightening him still more, and he backed down the aliey at a rapid rate. The young lady ran and caught hold of the bridle, but finding she could not check the animal, gave him a sudden wrench, which threw him to the ground, where she held him until assistance arrived. The buggy was overturned, but no damage was done to it.

Some Subsymmer while engaged near -Some fishermen while engaged near

which was seen approaching the boat with wings outspread floating on the water, but quite dead. The men were puzzled to account for the progress it made through the water, as it went faster than the boat; but as it came near Sunday night a big game was running, when someone said the police were liable to raid the place at any moment, the house not having paid its "bit." A whisper or two of this frightened the Celestials and they made.

Beifast, got entangied in the string of a kite, had been unable to extricate itself taking to the sea, had been drowned in i forts to obtain freedom. -The following item as to how great people write may be interesting: John Hab-berton often has his manuscript copied by ypewriter: so does Thomas Wentworth Higginson. J. T. Trowbridge writes with a pen. Luke Sharp writes that a noted English author once old him he could not dictate love scenes to a typewriter, because "he feit he was making a fool of himself." Sharp feels the same way, he says. Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth regards the pen as an old, tried friend, and stuck to it until pen as an old, tried friend, and stuck to it until three years ago, when she got a typewriter. Edmund C. Stedman is thinking of employing stemopgrapher; Noah Brooks uses a typewriter; Rossiter Johnson writes with a pen; Sarah Orne Jewett relies on quill pens, and so do Sidney Luska and the author of "Metamorphosis," which is running now in The Sunday Dis-PATCH. Ario Bates has been forced to use a typewriter, and Thomas Nelson Pages does his law work with a typewriter and his literary

WHAT WILD WITS SAY. Many a woman becomes some man's better

REASSURING. "I fear," said the country theater, "My setting will hardly do,"
"Oh, never mind," said the manager,
"There are no flies on you."—Puck, Gentlemen Amateurs .- Miss Cherry Diamond (at the amateur boxing tournament)-Why

are all the policemen cheering so?

Mr. Mercury Foote — Jim Brown has just knocked another man senseless. That's his third, to-night.—Puck. Engagement Announced-"Clara," he whispered, ardently, "do you think you could bring yourseif to marry me?" "No, George," she answered, with a little smile. "I couldn't very well bring myself; I'm so timid. You might bring me though, George." "Harper's Bases,"

A VERSE TO HOT WEATHER, Do not inveigh Kind reader, preigh, Against this gentle month of Meigh; Nor the weather impugn, Although so sugn The sun's warm reigh Tempts you to seigh: 'Thunder! It's hot enough for Jugnits

More Stage Realism .- Dramatic Author-Wanta new play?

Manager (wearily)—Anything new in lt?

Dramatic Author—Yes, siree—a goat.

Manager (meditatively)—Um — I'm afraid—18 won't draw very well. Dramatic Author (confidently)-It eats the wire bustle right off the heroine.

Manager (excitedly)—Hooray! Gimme the man

SPRING SMILES. Sweet May is here, and Nature smiles On flowery lawn and lea: But broadest, merriest smiles of all The happy mud-banks see,

Wide-grinning, far as shells may stretch, The oysters in a group Hymn out the praises of the days When they're not in the soup!

My sweetheart is a student in a famous for male college. And though I do not think she'll win particular in any special study, or be noted for her knowle

edge, 1'm certain that she's charming in her college hat and gown. That the costume's fascinating there's no reason for concealing, I think my love more beautiful when in it she

appears, But when I steal a kiss from her, how funny is the feeling.

When the edges of her mortar-board are tickeling my ears!

-Hoston Courier. He entered a salocon on Monroe avenue with his bat on his ear and his coat on his arm, and flinging the garment on a table, he shouted; "Is the man here who said he could pulverise

"He is, " replied an individual who was wiping

"And are you the man?" "And you said it?"

"And you won't take it back?"

"No. sir!"

"Well, let's have some more beer. The boy said you were an an old man with one arm, and didn't propose to take sass from any such person brink hearty, my friend."—Detroit Free Press.